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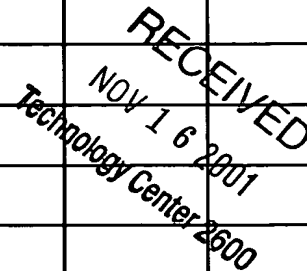
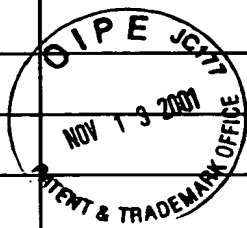
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## **OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		"Characteristics of optically amplified optical fibre submarine cable systems" ITU-T, G.977, April 2000, pp. 1-36

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